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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER

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1. MY APRIL 19 FAREWELL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED JUST BEFORE HER DINNER FOR ME, WAS SOMEWHAT ABBREVIATED BECAUSE SHE RETURNED LATE FROM CAMPAIGNING IN THE JA-ELA BY-ELECTION. HOWEVER, AFTER BRIEFLY DISCUSSING HER TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE DINNER TO CONVEY PRESIDENT FORD'S INVITATION FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON WITH THE TIMING TO BE WORKED OUT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

2. PRIME MINISTER WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION AND ALSO NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM HIM. SHE SAID SHE PLANNED TO GO TO THE UNGA IN HER CAPACITY AS HOSTESS OF THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND HAD ASKED TO BE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON SEPTEMBER 30. SHE WONDERED WHETHER THE WASHINGTON VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE ABOUT THAT TIME. I NOTED THE U.S. ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN WOULD THEN BE IN FULL SWING, BUT THAT PERHAPS SOME SATISFACTORY TIMETABLE COULD BE ARRANGED. IF NOT, TIMING OF THE VISIT COULD BE WORKED OUT AT A LATER DATE TO MEET HER CONVENIENCE AND THAT OF THE PRESIDENT.

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